



Everybody's
St. Anthony

To St. Anthony for Good Luck From Mary

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Foreword

All the saints had a mission to fulfil on earth, as they have now in Heaven where they use their powerful influence with God on our behalf. This consoling truth we recall every time we say "I believe in the Communion of Saints."

There are few Catholics who do not pray to St. Anthony. Ever since he died at Padua, on June 13, 1231, he spends his time in Heaven doing good for us on earth. Hence he is endearingly known as "Everybody's Saint Anthony."

The purpose of this booklet is to provide suitable and opportune prayers for his clients. But, more important still, as Pope Pius XI reminds us (Apostolic Letter, March 1, 1931), it aims at recalling his virtues so that imitating them, even from afar, we may lead holier and happier lives.

ONE SURE WAY

When all other friends have failed,
Pray to St. Anthony.

And your hopes are all derailed,
Pray to St. Anthony.

If a sorrow fills your heart,
Or you fail at all you start,
When bad habit plays its part,
Pray to St. Anthony.

If you're "broke" or unemployed,
Pray to St. Anthony.

If your dreams are all destroyed,
Pray to St. Anthony.

If your soul is just a stain,
And your faith is on the wane,
If a goal you've got to gain,
Pray to St. Anthony.

If you've lost a treasure dear,
Pray to St. Anthony.

When a loved one won't hear,
Pray to St. Anthony.

If the doctor's done his best,
And it shows you by his test,
That you're through you know the rest,
Pray to St. Anthony.

This your pledge, day in and out,
Pray to St. Anthony.

If you tire or if you doubt,
Pray to St. Anthony.

Time will prove he'll grant your prayer,
He has power great and rare,
Pray to St. Anthony.



St. Anthony's parents frequently took him to visit his heavenly mother at Lisbon Cathedral.

HIS LIFE STORY

Born at Lisbon, on August 15, 1195, Anthony, having received his primary education at the cathedral school, at the age of 15 joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. When 26 years old he received permission to change over to the newly-founded missionary Order of St. Francis, and shortly afterwards was sent to Africa. As soon as he landed there he became so ill that he had to return to Europe. Thenceforward his apostolate lay in France and Italy. He died at Padua, on June 13, 1231, aged 36 years. On hearing of his decease the children ran through the streets shouting: "The Saint is dead. Our Father Saint Anthony is dead." So many miracles were

wrought at his burial that his funeral procession became a triumphal ovation. Pope Gregory IX canonized him on May 30, 1232, less than a year after his death. His mortal remains are venerated in the basilica called after him at Padua.

THE WONDER-WORKER

People often ask—why is St. Anthony called the Wonder-Worker; what is really the secret of his immense popularity? The answer is that he has deservedly earned the title. The Church says of him in her responsory, “If you want miracles, go to St. Anthony.” Pope Gregory IX, in his letter declaring him a Saint, hails him as “dearest worker of miracles.” This was in the thirteenth century. Thenceforward — and never more than in our own day—the history of our Saint abounds in instances of extraordinary favours attributed to his intercession, e.g., the sick are healed, difficulties solved, lost things restored, etc. Ought we be surprised then that he is known and loved all the world over?

THE POPE'S WORDS

"Where are you from?" asked Pope Leo XIII, who as a tertiary belonged to the Franciscan family, addressing Don Antonio Locatelli. "From Padua, Your Holiness." "And do you love your saint?" "Love him, Holy Father? Indeed yes! I was born and bred within the sight of his tomb and I bear his name." "My son," said the Pontiff, "it is not enough that you love him, but you must make him loved, for he is the saint not of Padua only, but of the whole world."

Truly, Saint Anthony is the saint of the whole world. There is scarcely a church or chapel that does not possess an image of the saint, and few Catholic homes are without a picture of the wonder-worker. The people love him, for he seems to have unlimited access to the treasures of God's graces and blessings. He reclaims lost sums of money, as well as the lost graces of God. He heals the wounds of the body, as well as the festering sores of sin in the soul. He advances the temporal and, still more, the eternal interests of his devout clients.



Our Lady appears to St. Anthony and assures him of her glorious Assumption into heaven.

ST. ANTHONY'S CLIENTS

How can we become clients of Saint Anthony? The answer is given in quotations from one of the greatest clients of the Saint, Pope Leo XIII.

1. "It is not enough that you love St. Anthony," said Pope Leo, "but you must make him loved."
2. "Invoke his assistance."

There are various ways in which Pope Leo's second rule may be carried out, e.g.

Recite daily some prayer in the Saint's honour.

Have a little altar of the Saint, or carry his picture, statuette, medal or

scapular. Visit his shrine on Tuesday, the day dedicated to him.

Make a novena in preparation for the feast of St. Anthony, June 13.

Keep the novena or devotion of the Nine Tuesdays.

Strive to imitate his virtues.

In all needs have recourse to St.

Anthony, promising, if your petition be granted, an alms to the poor.

(See St. Anthony's Bread.)

ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD

One of St. Anthony's distinguished characteristics was his intense love for God's poor. Not only had the poor the Gospel preached to them by him, but they also had their material wants supplied. One of the first recorded miracles after his death was worked by the Saint for their benefit, when he restored to life the drowned boy, Thomasino of Padua, whose mother had promised the Saint her child's weight in corn for the poor should her prayer be granted.

From the first, charitable associations

in honour of St. Anthony existed, by which grain, bread and alms were distributed to the needy, as old writings and pictures reveal. However, the pious practice generally lapsed, and only in recent years has it been revived and taken on world-wide proportions.

Like all the great works of God, the revival of the devotion of St. Anthony's Bread had a 'simple, even obscure, beginning. One day in the late eighties, a Frenchwoman, Miss Bouffier, owner of a small business in Toulon, found difficulty in unlocking the door of her shop. After repeated efforts she sent for a locksmith, whose assortment of keys proved likewise useless. Deciding that the lock must be forced, the man departed to get tools for the purpose. During the interim, Miss Bouffier felt inspired to call on Saint Anthony for help, promising him some bread for his poor if the door was opened without injury to the lock. On the locksmith's return, she asked him to try his keys once more, telling him of her promise to the Saint. The man complied and at the first attempt the door was opened.

This little incident greatly strengthened Miss Bouffier's confidence in St. Anthony. She increased her devotion to the Wonder-Worker, always promising bread for the poor. Her friends followed her example in prayer and promise, with the result that, in a short time, the rear of her shop became a centre for Saint Anthony's Bread in Toulon. Persons of all ranks and conditions came there to pray before the little statue of Saint Anthony that a grateful client had presented. Alms of bread arrived in large quantities, until the task of distribution became too difficult. Then it was decided to accept money offerings for the poor, who were thereby enabled to purchase clothing and other necessities.

Within a short time the devotion of St. Anthony's Bread was introduced into other parts of France, whence it spread throughout Europe and the rest of the world. Today, due perhaps in a large measure to this devotion, the great Wonder-Worker of Padua is truly "the Saint of the whole world".

Offerings for St. Anthony's Bread may also be made for the education of priests to convert poor pagans in foreign lands.

Further information about this may be had from the Franciscan Missionary Union attached to every Friary.

MEMORARE

IN HONOUR OF ST. ANTHONY

Remember, O thou miracle-working Saint, that it never was heard that thou hast left without help or relief anyone who in his need had recourse to thee. Animated with the most lively confidence, nay, even with full conviction of not being refused, I fly for refuge to thee, O most favoured and blessed friend of the Infant Jesus! O eloquent preacher of the divine mercies, despise not my supplications but, bringing them before the throne of God, strengthen them by thy intercession, and obtain for me what I ask—help and consolation in my need, O most glorious, miracle-working, mighty St. Anthony. Amen.



St. Anthony preaches to the fishes.

PRAYER FOR THINGS LOST OR STOLEN

O blessed Saint Anthony! The grace of God has made thee a powerful advocate in all necessities, and the patron for the restoration of things lost or stolen. To thee I turn today with childlike love and heartfelt confidence. Oh, how many thousands hast thou miraculously aided in the recovery of lost goods! Thou wast the counsellor of the erring, the comforter of the afflicted, the healer of the sick, the raiser of the dead, the deliverer of the captive, and refuge of the afflicted. To thee do I hasten, O Blessed Saint Anthony! Help me in my present affliction. I recommend what I have

lost to thy care, in the secure hope that thou wilt restore it to me if it be to the greater glory of God and to the spiritual benefit of my soul. Obtain also for me an active faith, peace of mind, disgust for the vain pleasures of the world, and an ardent desire for the imperishable goods of eternity. Amen.

(Pater, Ave and Gloria)

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

O glorious Saint Anthony, invincible conqueror of death, who didst restore so many to life, protect me from a sudden and unprovided death, and my soul from mortal sin, so that I may always love God and remain in His holy grace. Amen.

RESPONSORY

If then you ask for miracles;
Death, error, all calamities,
The leprosy and demons fly
And health succeeds infirmities.

**The sea obeys, and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore,
While treasures lost are found again,
When young and old thine aid implore.**

**All dangers vanish at thy prayer,
And direst need doth quickly flee.
Let those who know this power
proclaim,
Let Paduans say — These are of thee.**

Repeat:

The sea obeys, and fetters break, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Repeat as before: The sea obeys, etc.

V. Pray for us, Blessed Anthony.

**R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray

**O God, may the votive commemora-
tion of Blessed Anthony, Thy Confessor
and Doctor, be a source of joy to Thy
Church, that she may be always fortified
with spiritual assistance and deserve to
enjoy eternal rewards. Through Jesus
Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

WHY THE TUESDAYS?

The answer is—because St. Anthony himself gave us the devotion. In 1617, he appeared to a pious lady of Bologna, Italy, who earnestly besought his help in an important matter and said to her: “Visit my statue in the Franciscan church on nine consecutive Tuesdays and your prayers will be answered.” She did so, and to her great joy her request was granted. The fame of the miracle became widely known and devotion to the Tuesdays spread throughout Italy and other countries.

ORIGIN OF NOVENAS

Novenas in general seem to take their origin from the nine days that Our Blessed Lady and the Apostles remained in prayer in the Upper Room awaiting the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Our Lord repeatedly exhorts us "to pray without ceasing"; to pray with faith, hope and perseverance. One of the chief reasons why our prayers are not answered is the want of perseverance.

Our Holy Mother the Church has ever encouraged the devout practices of Novenas by the numerous indulgences she has attached to them.

HOW TO MAKE THE NOVENA

1. Each day, if possible, assist at Mass, and go to Confession and Communion at least once during Novena.

2. Promise an alms for St. Anthony's Bread if your circumstances permit.

3. Spread devotion to the Saint.

4. Either in the church or at home recite some prayers for nine consecutive days, or nine Tuesdays, before an image of the Saint.

Saint Anthony's Devotions

Priest and People together (when said publicly)

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy
rest,

Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts that Thou
has made.

St. Anthony, powerful in word and work.

St. Anthony, our patron and advocate.

St. Anthony, attentive to those who invoke thee.

St. Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved.

For Our Holy Father, the Pope.

For our special intentions, our sick and friends, living and dead.

*Grant us
what we ask
of thee*

Pater and Ave.

Pater and Ave.

NOVENA PRAYER

O holy St. Anthony / gentlest of
saints / your love for God / and charity
for your neighbour / made you worthy
when on earth / to possess miraculous
powers. / Miracles waited on your word
/ which you were ever ready to speak /
for those in trouble or anxiety. / En-
couraged by this thought / I implore of
you / to obtain for me / my request
(*mention it*). / The answer to my
prayer / may require a miracle / even
so / you are the saint of miracles. /
O gentle / and loving St. Anthony /
whose heart was ever full / of human
sympathy / whisper my prayer / into
the ears / of the sweet Infant Jesus /
Who loved to linger in your arms / and
the gratitude of my heart / will ever be
yours. / Amen.

*(At public recitation repeat each section after
priest)*

ST. ANTHONY'S BLESSING

GIVEN HIM BY ST. FRANCIS

May the Lord bless you and take
you into his keeping; may He show
you His countenance; and take pity
on you; may He turn His eyes towards
you and give you His peace.

Hymns of St. Anthony

(1)

St. Anthony, we turn to thee,
When troubles sore distress,
Sure of thy love, for thou didst know
The Christ Child's soft caress.

For thou didst hear His gentle voice,
Didst clasp Him to thy breast,
Didst feel His Holy Cheek 'gainst
thine,

His arms around thee pressed.
O gentle Saint, tell Him our needs,
His children, too, are we;
O! ask Him now to grant our prayers
And we at peace shall be.

(19)

St. Anthony, our father dear,
 We meet around thy feet once more.
 Thy boundless graces to proclaim,
 And make them sound from shore to
 shore.

St. Anthony, O hear our prayer,
 Thy loving children ask thy care.

Oh, ye who for great wonders seek,
 Go visit once his sacred shrine.
 Ah, there you'll find that even death,
 Has yielded to his power sublime.
Repeat St. Anthony, O hear, etc.

ST. ANTHONY'S PRAYER

**O Mary, virgin before the divine birth,
 guard my body and soul.**

Hail Mary, etc.

**O Mary, virgin during the divine birth,
 guard my body and soul.**

Hail Mary, etc.

**O Mary, virgin after the divine birth,
 guard my body and soul.**

Hail Mary, etc.

LITANY OF ST. ANTHONY

(for private use only)

Lord, have mercy on us!

Christ, have mercy on us!

Lord, have mercy on us!

Christ, hear us!

Christ, graciously hear us!

Holy Mary, **pray for us.**

Holy Father Francis,

St. Anthony of Padua,

St. Anthony, glory of the order of Friars
Minor,

St. Anthony, martyr in desiring to die
for Christ,

St. Anthony, pillar of the Church,

St. Anthony, worthy priest of God,

St. Anthony, apostolic preacher,

St. Anthony, teacher of truth,

St. Anthony, hammer of heretics,

St. Anthony, comforter of the afflicted,

St. Anthony, helper in necessities,

St. Anthony, deliverer of captives,

St. Anthony, guide of the erring,

pray for us.

St. Anthony, continual worker of
miracles,

Be merciful unto us, **spare us, O Lord.**

Be merciful unto us, **graciously hear us,
O Lord.**

From all evil, **O Lord, deliver us.**

From all sin,

From all dangers of body and soul,

From the snares of the devil,

From pestilence, famine and war,

From eternal death,

Through the merits of St. Anthony,

Through his zeal for the conversion of
sinners,

Through his desire for the crown of
martyrdom,

Through his fatigues and labours,

Through his preaching and teaching,

Through his penitential tears,

Through his patience and humility,

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, Blessed Anthony.

R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray

Grant, O Lord, that Thy people, aided by the pious and continual supplication of Thy illustrious Confessor and Doctor, blessed Anthony, may be made worthy of Thy grace in this world, and attain eternal happiness in the next. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. ANTHONY'S LILIES

On St. Anthony's Feast, June 13, the ceremony of the blessing of lilies takes place. This custom originated in commemoration of a special manifestation of St. Anthony at Marcasso, in Corsica. During one of the revolutions there, the Franciscans were driven into exile, but their chapel remained open and a public procession was made to it each year on the feast of the Wonder-Worker. For this occasion a temporary altar was raised in the centre of the main aisle. Garlands of flowers hung above the Saint's head; at his feet were placed roses and other flowers, and lilies of spotless white stood out against a green background of laurel and myrtle.



The Divine Child appears to St. Anthony at Chateauneuf.

One year, the young man who had been appointed sacristan, neglected to remove the statue of St. Anthony at the conclusion of the feast. After a lapse of several months he went with a few helpers to the deserted chapel to complete his work. To their surprise and joy, they found the lilies fresh and white as on the day they had been placed there, while the roses and other floral offerings lay withered and dead.

A similar instance of St. Anthony's interest in his clients occurred in Austria, in 1680. On the Saint's feast, a fresh-cut lily had been placed in the hands of his statue; for a whole year the flower remained as fresh and as white as the first day it was put there. The next

year the same stem bore two lilies which filled the whole church with their fragrance. This fact was testified to by many eye-witnesses, among whom was Don Carlo Giotti who, on August 11, 1681, made an official report of the miraculous event. Permission to bless lilies in honour of St. Anthony was given by Pope Leo XIII. Many miracles of healing have been obtained through St. Anthony's intercession, after applying the blessed flower.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY (for Students)

Glorious St. Anthony, divinely filled with the science of the saints, I place my studies under thy powerful protection. After thy example I wish my knowledge to be grounded in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. With the aid of thy prayers, I wish to perform my studies as a matter of duty, in the spirit of penance and with a pure intention. Implore the Father of Light to grant me a quick understanding, a safe judgment and a faithful memory. Obtain

for me the grace to work with patience, method and constancy; to develop the gifts I have received from God, and to employ them for His greater glory. Pray God to bless my efforts, granting me success in my tasks, and keeping me humble in the midst of success.

Amen.

FOR HOLY PURITY

O purest St. Anthony, who through thy angelic virtue wast made worthy to be caressed by Jesus, to hold Him in thy arms and press Him to thy heart, I entreat thee to cast a benevolent glance upon me, a poor sinner. By the mere touch of thy garment thou hast communicated to others that most precious of all gifts, holy purity. Oh, deliver me by thy powerful intercession from all thoughts and actions against this virtue, that I may become pleasing in the eyes of Jesus and His Immaculate Mother.

Pray for me that my heart and soul may remain pure and undefiled until death, and that I may rather die than offend God by mortal sin. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep these Thy servants within the shelter of Thy Heart, where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied the lips purpled with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious Priesthood. Let Thy holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labours with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be here below their joy and consolation, and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HAPPY CHOICE OF A STATE IN LIFE

O blessed Saint Anthony, thou wast especially enlightened by God to know the station in life wherein thou didst attain such a high degree of holiness; graciously obtain for me, I beseech thee, the grace from God that I may know and be able to embrace in spite of all obstacles the station in life to which I am called and in which I may the more easily attain eternal salvation. Amen.



*St. Anthony invokes the Lion of the Tribe of
Juda against the powers of hell.*

PRAYER FOR EMPLOYMENT

Blessed Anthony, ever mindful of the needs of the afflicted, consuming thyself in the service of God and for the good of souls, enemy of idleness, and tireless worker in the vineyard of the Lord ! Beseech God to grant me suitable occupation, which may procure for me and mine a decent livelihood, and at the same time be a means of personal sanctification and of real service to my fellow-men. Amen.

BRIEF OF ST. ANTHONY

This is a name given to a favourite blessing used by St. Anthony against evils of all kinds and especially against temptation. It is a pious practice of the faithful to wear this blessing on their person, or to put it up in the home and to repeat it daily and in times of temptation. It consists of the sign of the Cross together with the invocation :

Behold the Cross of the Lord!

Fly, ye hostile powers!

The Lion of the Tribe of Juda, the root of David, has conquered, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. St. Anthony, vanquisher of demons, pray for us.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray

Grant, O Lord, to Thy people through the intercession of Thy servant, blessed Anthony, the grace to prevail over the powers of darkness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena Prayers in honour of Saint Anthony of Padua are available from the Franciscan Missionary Union together with petition and thanksgiving leaflet.

Donations towards the general purposes of the Missionary Union will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Write to:

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8 Merchants' Quay, Dublin 8.**

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

O glorious wonder-worker St. Anthony, father of the poor and consoler of the afflicted, who hast so thoughtfully come to my help, and consoled me so much: behold me at thy feet to offer thee my gratitude. Accept it together with the promise I renew to thee, that I will always live in the love of Jesus and my neighbour. Continue to be liberal to me with thy protection and obtain for me the final grace one day to attain to Heaven to sing the Divine mercies with thee. Amen.

ST. ANTHONY AND THE MISSIONS

It was St. Anthony's desire to go on the foreign missions and even to suffer martyrdom for the faith that led him to become a Franciscan Friar. By divine intervention he was prevented from becoming a foreign missionary and he spent his short life preaching and evangelising in Italy. He never lost his love for the missions and is Patron of all Franciscan foreign missions. Lovers of St. Anthony have special devotion to the Missions. Most of them, like the saint, will not reach the mission fields, nevertheless by generous prayer and material help they make their contributions to the Church's missionary effort.

The Franciscan Missionary Union will gratefully receive and acknowledge donations for the missions.

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BEADS OF SAINT ANTHONY

The devotion known as the Beads or Chaplet of St. Anthony, is practised in honour of the thirteen miracles enumerated in the Miraculous Responsory (see page 12). The chaplet has 39 beads, arranged in 13 groups of 3 beads each. A Pater, Ave and Gloria are said for each group, and at the end the Miraculous Responsory. No rosary beads, however, is strictly needed.

SAINT ANTHONY'S BRIEF

Many people wear St. Anthony's Brief in metal or linen, as a protection against temptation and illness.

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